(b) The district-wise installation of wind power projects is given below:

District	Capacity (MW)
Jamnagar	85.00
Rajkot	65.00

(c) Central fiscal incentives such as 100% accelerated depreciation, tax holiday, soft loans, exemption/ concessional custom duties, excise duties and sales tax are available for setting up commercial projects. The State Policy for renewable energy projects has expired on 31st March, 1998.

Solar Thermal Power Plant at Mathania

1744. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the largest Solar Thermal Power Plant, and the first in the country, has been inaugurated for being set up in Rajasthan at Mathania near Jodhpur;

(b) whether the project is to be partly funded to the extent of $ 49 million by the Global Environment Facility (GEF); and

(c) if so, the details of the project including its cost, capacity and fuel-requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A 140 MW Integrated Solar Combined Cycle (ISCC) Power Project, including a 35 MW Solar Thermal Power Plant is planned to be set up at village Mathania near Jodhpur in Rajasthan. The total estimated cost of the project is US $ 280 million. It will be partly funded through a grant assistance of US $49 million from Global Environment Facility. About 166—181 kilo tonnes of liquid fuel would be required for the combined cycle mode of operation of the base load power plant.

Funds to NGOs under GEF

1745. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been made available to the NGOs under the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) to undertake some projects during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made in implementation of the projects;

(c) whether fresh proposals are made to the GEF for providing financial support particularly for solar energy photovoltaic market transfer matter, alternate energy improving, energy efficiency and so on; and

(d) whether Government have finalised the action plan for 1998-99 corresponding to the overall strategy for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Area Welfare Officers

1746. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Area Welfare Officers appointed by Chief Welfare Officer, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi for 1997 and 1998;

(b) the names of such Area Welfare Officers, who suffered from heart-ailments during 1995 and 1996 and have been appointed for 1997 and 1998;

(c) the reasons that such post of public dealing involving strenuous job being